

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEASON 1984

We could not have hoped for more than the effort our Seniors put into staying in First Division and regaining 2A Grade in 1984. In the former, we may have failed - but with our best performance ever with 13 points, 33 goals and only two points away from being 7th. Our second aim was achieved. (Incidentally, the Club is still examining means of staying in First Division in 1985).

Our "finds" for 1984 were :

The Hancock Family who rejoined the fold in 1984 and flew into action - House Management, Social Functions, Ticket Sellers, and managing the newly created Masters Team (a feat in itself) etc. Thanks to Barry, Chris and all.

Frank "Fearless" Fitzgerald, who, as Club Coach, was the drive behind the achievements of our top teams, and with wife Sandy, helped to develop a strong Club spirit among the players - a fine performance in your first year of coaching, Frank.

Al Meacock who coached the U17's for the first time (with help from Tommy Woodford) - the U17A's finished an unlucky 5th after wins over all top teams and Greens finished in the four.

Lyn and Dave Richards - Lyn as a very active and resourceful Assistant Secretary and Dave who was tolerant and supplied us with a magnificent Honour Board and Sponsors Board.

John "Pistol Shannon - another fine contribution of many things, who with wife Jan and goalie son Mike rejoined the Club in 1984.

Of course, we had our usual group of regular helpers - the "old reliables", and I will come to them later.

The Club confused the hockey fraternity even more in 1984 by changing its name and status to Melville City Hockey Club, Inc., but it continued to be a strong force in this year's competition and in W.A. hockey administration. We fielded a record 20 teams - 7 Senior, 1 Masters and 12 Junior, nine of which made the finals.

SENIORS: If dedication counts for anything, then we saw a lot of it in our top squad and it was gratifying to see it in younger players as well. I was particularly impressed with the attitude of those Club members who sat on the bench as reserves for the First team, and those who did not quite make First team and gave of their best in the 2B's. This team won the Guth Ardagh pennant and we congratulate them, together with the ever reliable 6A's and 7A's, for making the finals.

Our fortunes in other grades were mixed but we survived the relegation stakes and retained 3A's, 4A's and 5A's. Well done, chaps. Some of the improvement in end-of-year performances must be attributed to John Cole who stepped in as Coach for the other Senior squad towards the end of the year, as well as his U15 coaching commitments. There were others also who assisted earlier in the year in this capacity but were unable to do it on a regular basis. Our thanks to you all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - cont'd

JUNIORS: Mike Wood has again been our Junior Co-ordinator in 1984, and a valued member of the Club, both in our own Management and in W.A.H.A. Junior Committee. He has made his own report for this Bulletin - thanks, Mike.

Overall, the Junior teams had a mixed year but six of the twelve ended up in the Final Four. While we endeavour to provide hockey for all, this policy results in our third and fourth teams being spread very thin both in players and management at times of school holidays and "epidemics". The Committee will need to examine this situation for 1985. The regrading system for U13's and U11's was again effective, and we were very pleased with the results achieved by our young girls and boys. Unfortunately, because of the system, we will lose one of our young stars, Karen Jones, this year but we hope she will continue into Women's hockey. Good luck, Karen.

I am grateful to Ian Deveson for taking on the newly created position of Vice President - Juniors, (and more recently the role of Secretary). The move has been successful in spreading the load of administration, and generated greater opportunities for Junior participation in the Club. The Junior Social Committee is to be congratulated also for its excellent functions in 1984, particularly the Quiz Night and picnic.

PARENTS: You may think we are well equipped to handle our teams week by week, but we do need your support in Administration, Coaching, Managing, or simply just supporting the girls and boys of our Club. My particular plea this year is to ex-players, or those Parents still playing with other Clubs but whose sons play with Melville City - THIS CLUB NEEDS THE PRESTIGE AND EXPERIENCE OF OLDER PLAYERS. Look what people like Bob Andrew, Gordon Bell, Graham Walter do for Cricketers, for example. We have a skeleton force from our own ranks of fine and dedicated coaches of Juniors, but not nearly enough. Our Juniors must learn the BASIC SKILLS before they reach Senior level - and they are important for the Club's survival.

Our sincere thanks to the many Parents who have supported teams this year, particularly the Coaches and Managers, with a special pat on the back to those Mums and Dads who have been both Coach/Manager and even Umpire to those teams at the lower levels of competition. The contributions of some of our players - Frank Williams, Rod McLeod, as well as Al and Tommy, was also much appreciated, and our top goalie Martin "Chalky" Logan gave our young defenders many useful hints (on goal-keeping).

Martin was one of many new members, both Senior and Junior, to our Club this year and we hope you enjoyed your first year with Melville City.

SOCIAL/FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES: Treasurer Bill Forward will cover this aspect, but I would like to point out that the bigger we become, the more support we need. A lot of our problems would be solved if people would pay fees on time. My thanks to our social organizers - Chris & Barry Hancock, Vida & Harold Farmer, Betty Riley and Bruce Porter, all of whom have run various fund-raising and social activities.

Our Sponsors are acknowledged separately, and I hope that our members remember how much we depend on these good people to meet our costs and maintain a reasonable level of fees for our players. This year we obtained a new major sponsor in Bruce Shanahan's Enright Ford Company whose logo is worn by our top team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - cont'd

This year we entertained the good folk from Hyden - the highlight for them being a game at the Commonwealth Hockey Stadium and some social games at Buzacott. It was good to see some of the Applecross Women's team at the latter; we are still looking for ways of being able to amalgamate with their Club.

The Club also was the host to the Victorian Schoolboys' Team and I am extremely grateful to those Junior parents who billeted those boys, and particularly to those members who stepped in to help when we couldn't find enough parents.

I should like to finish this report with heaps of thanks to our "old reliables".

We've had a hard-working Committee who had to survive many long meetings (except when I wasn't in the Chair!). I won't list them all but they know how much I appreciate their support.

Also -

Vida & Harold Farmer for so much help in so many ways;

Mr. North, Dave Porter for their trophies;

Lyn Dillon, our Secretary in the early part of the season - Ian Deveson didn't add the same attraction!!

Marie Lambert for preparing the Bulletin, and Nola and John See for its assembly (also Marie & Norm Kidd who acted as first reserve, and managed the 2B's); also Phil and Mary Riley who did the editing of the Bulletin;

John Andrew for his help early in the season with grounds and our shed for the ground-marking equipment - also Paul Lambert for the marking;

Bruce Porter and his team selection panel;

The Melville City ladies who provided so much tucker during the year;

and guys like Scinta, Steve and Dave Early who helped Bazza and my dear wife Ila, who looked after Club equipment sales and propped me up when I was down!!

Thanks to Pam Deveson for typing all of this, and to the Hancocks, Devesons and Richards for putting it all together.

At the time of writing the following teams have made the finals :

2B's 6A's 7A's U15 Green U13B's U13E's

The U11E's wouldn't give in and were 0-0 after 80 minutes, and then lost because of their lower position at end of preliminary round!

Our best wishes to the finalists.

MAX REYNOLDS
PRESIDENT.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1984

PATRON: Mr. J.F. Howson, O.B.E., J.P.

VICE PATRONS: Mr. M. Bennetts
Mr. B. Hancock
Mr. P. Shack
Mr. T. Trethowan

PRESIDENT: Mr. M. Reynolds

VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr. H. Farmer - Senior Administration
Mr. B. Porter - Finance & Development
Mr. I. Deveson - Junior Administration

HON. SECRETARY: Mrs. L. Dillon/Mr. I. Deveson

HON. ASST. SECRETARY: Mrs. L. Richards

HON. TREASURER: Mr. W. Forward

HON. ASST. TREASURER: Mr. G. Riley

AUDITOR: Mr. R. Dalgleish

PROPERTY OFFICERS: Mr. H. Farmer (Playing equipment)
Mrs. I. Reynolds (Uniforms)

COACH SENIOR SQUAD: Mr. F. Fitzgerald

SELECTION COMMITTEE: Messrs. B. Porter, H. Farmer & G. Morris

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR: Mr. M. Wood

W.A.H.A. DELEGATE: Mr. W. Forward

CONVENOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. C. Hancock

CLUB AND PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS 1984

CHALLENGE CUP PENNANTS

Winners 6A Losers 2B; 15 Green

GUTH AFDAGH PENNANTS

2B 6A 13B 13E

SEMI FINALISTS

2B 3A 6A 7A
17 GREEN 15A 15 GREEN 13B 13E 11E

GRAND FINALISTS

PREMIERS

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, W.A.H.A. - Max Reynolds

MEMBER, JUNIOR COMMITTEE, W.A.H.A. - Michael Wood

NO STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN 1984

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

Seniors

100 Games

R. DALGLEISH
O. JONES
S. MARTIN
J. MCINTYRE
M. SHANNON

200 Games

N. ATKINSON

300 Games

R. BACKHOUSE
B. CAED
I. HALLIDAY

Juniors

100 Games

N. BARRETT
P. DENNETT
S. FORBES
B. MATHEWS
A. MULCAHY
D. MCWILLIAM
A. OGILBY
B. REEZY
C. REID
D. SHIELDS
G. SPARK
J. WEST
J. MATHEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT 1983/4

Although we still have some time to go before the end of the season, the financial side of the club is reasonably healthy, although at times through the year I thought that we wouldn't make it.

You should have seen President Max's eyes at the meeting when the financial report showed accounts for approx. \$4,000.00 and a credit balance of approx. \$800.00. I would like to remind members that these situations are brought about by people not paying fees on time, returning chocolate or raffle money promptly, so when you read our pleas in the bulletin for money to be paid it is not just included to make up space, it is there because we are desperate for the dough.

To all club members, especially juniors, who get their fees in early - thanks.

Some members have asked through the year where all the money goes. We will have a turnover of approximately \$40,000.00 this year, some of our larger payments include \$10,000.00 to W.A.H.A., \$2,200.00 to repay the council for the use of our club rooms, \$1,000.00 for grounds, \$1,200.00 for equipment including \$800.00 for hockey balls, i.e. \$4.00 per player. A lot of money is needed through the year to outlay for fundraising, i.e. it cost \$4,000.00 to purchase the chocolates so we could make \$1,200.00 profit. If you want to find out more, come to the A.G.M. it will all be in the financial report.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Committee and all who helped through a difficult year and especial thanks to Bruce Porter, Barry and Chris and Mrs. Riley and the Social Committee who kept the money coming in when we needed it.

BILL FORWARD
TREASURER

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - 1984

I would sincerely like to thank Vida Farmer and Betty Riley for their help during the season.

The Social Committee would particularly like to thank all those parents and members who kindly helped during the year. Their assistance and contributions of food on food nights was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Junior Social Committee for their efforts this season, which I feel has resulted in a much happier atmosphere amongst our Juniors.

The Clubs funds benefited greatly from the efforts of those members who helped in the organisation of the;

Major Raffle - Quiz nights - Weekly Raffles - Food Nights.

CHRISTINE HANCOCK
CONVENOR.

LIFE MEMBERS

	MR. V. DALTON
1969	MR. D. SPITTELER
1971	MR. P. NOAD
1972	MR. R. HALLIDAY
1975	MR. B. SPITTELER
1978	MR. M. CURRELL
1979	MR. W. MEACOCK
1981	MR. K. TIMMEL
1982	MR. W. FORWARD

JUNIOR COACHES/MANAGERS 1984

I wish to sincerely thank the below listed persons, without whose help the Junior teams would not have been able to function.

I.E. DEVESON,
VICE PRESIDENT - JUNIOR
ADMINISTRATION/SECRETARY.

	<u>COACH</u>	<u>MANAGER</u>
17A 17 BLUE 17 GREEN	A. MEACOCK T. WOODFORD	I. TWEEDIE MRS. D. DARLING A. COUPES
15A 15 GREEN 15 RED 15 WHITE	J. COLE F. WILLIAMS	M. WOOD R. LAURENT/K. SHIELDS MR. & MRS. HARRIS JULIE FRY
13B 13E 13F	A. KUHLMANN R. MCLEOD	JAN KUHLMANN ERIC BAIN SANDRA GRAY
11D 11E	I. DEVESON S. AIREY	WAYNE ATKINSON JAN RUMMER

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

1984

A glance at "Club and Player Achievements 1984" will prove that we did much better in Junior team results this year with six out of twelve teams in the semi finals. (Please fill in subsequent wins at grand finals and finals in your book) and the 17A's just missing out.

This year we began with 11 teams and added the 17 Blue team when the large amount of junior team withdrawals began to hit the fixture lists. We also organised the Minkey sessions for 3 - 10 year olds as a Club.

Our Coach/Manager system expanded and coped with the increase in players. I would like to thank sincerely all the coaches and managers, players and parents and club Management Committee members who helped to make the season so successful for all the junior players.

In junior player results we had a disappointing year for State representatives after last year's performance. I do not think our players suddenly lost their skills. Therefore I strongly suggest:-

- (a) that we nominate senior players to act as State selectors, so that our Club juniors are fairly appraised during the trials
- (b) that juniors with potential are nominated early in the season and given extra skills training by senior players or past State players who have experienced State team training.

The indoor hockey season is due to start on 22nd October for a season of 16 weeks. Junior games are timed for Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, so get those entries in fast. It is a fast and furious game which keeps you fit, improves your skills, makes you think about possession and improves your vision. Billiard players can also make full tactical use of the side-boards on the pitch!

I had my second year as a member of the Junior Committee of W.A.H.A. which tries to ascent club loyalties to promote junior hockey in general and to improve its general administration. Improvements were made in State trials this year. Next year we intend to get round the problems of junior team withdrawals by having grading matches at the beginning of the season before the "playing season" begins and the final fixture book is printed.

You can be sure that Club opinions were forcefully fed to the Junior Committee (especially on the standard of umpiring) and likewise Junior Committee decisions were quickly fed to our Club.

The Junior Club will face increasing costs in the years ahead. If you (players/parents/managers/coaches) keep giving good fundraising ideas and back them up enthusiastically with your best efforts (e.g. chocolate or raffle ticket sales) then we can raise general club funds and contain the rise in fees. Likewise if we organise closely all our umpiring duties and do not incur any fines for non attendance, then we all help to keep Club losses to a minimum.

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT - cont'd

This year we agreed to billet the Victorian Under 16 Schoolboys Team from 24th August - 1st September. I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the junior and senior families who generously gave billets, transport and support to the 'Vics', who finished fifth in the 16S Championship - possibly due to such excellent hospitality.

It is difficult to please everybody and all age groups within the Junior Club with our social events. The current system of having centralised venues for U13s (Yokine etc.) and U11s (Langley Park; Claremont Showgrounds) means that we hardly see our Junior players week in and week out. This system could change in 1985 for U13s who might have home/away matches if enough grounds are available.

It might be preferable to have smaller social events split by U17/15/13/11 age groups so that we cater for specific age groups rather than for everybody at once. One thing is for sure - we need to build up Club spirit and the parent support which is so evident and rewarding in the U13/11 age groups. Please give us your active player/parent support ideas in 1985, help with the running of YOUR club for YOUR children, and let's enjoy hockey and life.

1985

Twentytwo 1984 junior players go up to seniors in 1985 so we wish them long and glorious playing days with the seniors. We know they will be looking after you, so turn out early in February with the "training squad", get fit and get known to your future teammates.

In 1985 we should field 10/11 junior teams - 3 x 17s; 3/4 x 15s (need about 7 more players please) 2 x 13s; 2 x 11s.

Please encourage your friends to take up indoor and field hockey, because:

1. Our philosophy is TO OFFER HOCKEY TO ANY CHILD WHO WANTS TO PLAY
2. Our Club's strength and lifeblood is a constant supply of well trained junior players.

Ideally we need to maintain three teams in each age group to remain a strong healthy club, plus attract younger players into Minkey.

Naturally this leads to the topic of COACHING. Ideally we should have a competent coach for each team so that each junior player receives the benefit of individual coaching BECAUSE each team is only as strong as its weakest player (on whom the opposition will pick in any game).

The practice of having a 1A player as coach for the 17As has proved so successful that we would like another to help John Cole with his successful 15As. The U13s have responded well this year to coaching from senior players, but how about spreading the coaching load? How about those highly successful 6As coming down from 4 - 6 p.m. on Tuesdays/Thursdays - on a roster basis if necessary - to spread their successful brand of hockey to the most energetic age group in the Club? We are all waiting in gasping anticipation.....! (phone Michael Wood on 339-1763 if you decide to share the winning formula!)

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT - cont'd

Seniors - please remember you were a junior once and someone went out of their way to train you. YOUR JUNIOR CLUB NEEDS YOU IN 1985! In their time, well trained juniors will strengthen the senior club (plus represent the State - maybe!)

Dates to remember:

1. Saturday 2/3/85.
Registration and Fee Paying Day. 10-11 a.m. at Buzacott
(Do mark your calendars now and save your pocket money.
This year only paid up players will be allowed to play
for any Melville team.)
2. Tuesday 5/3/85 and Thursday 7/3/85.
Training begins 4-6 p.m. (including all the juniors who
attended the Seniors fitness sessions from mid February.)
3. Easter weekend. 5-8th April 1985
4. 13/4/85 - Season begins - possibly with five grading matches
before the "playing season" begins.
5. Perry Lakes Opening Carnival - Saturday 20/3/85?

P.S. I would like to publicly thank my understanding wife for
putting up with me through a second time consuming season.

MICHAEL WOOD -
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR

MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC.)

SEASON 1984

JUNIOR AWARDS

	<u>FAIREST & BEST</u>	<u>MOST IMPROVED</u>
17A	P. BARRETT	N. TWEEDIE
17 BLUE	G. OLDFIELD	N. MCKENNA
17 GREEN	N. CAMERON	G. CORBETT
15A	A. PARKER	A. SANDERS
15 GREEN	G. HESKETH	P. HARRIS
15 RED	N. JONES	S. WAY
15 WHITE	W. FRY	F. PARR
13B	K. JONES	R. KUHLMANN
13E	A. MALE	N. HAMER-SMITH
13F	P. HARTREE	D. SMITH
11D	G. COOPER	K. MARSTON
11E	M. RUMMER	T. BARRETT
PETER SHACK TROPHY - MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR		ROBERT MITCHELL
DAVID PORTER TROPHY - MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR GOALIE		TODD RICHARDS
MT. WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB TROPHY - MOST TALENTED U17 PROGRESSING TO SENIORS		GLEN SPARK

UNDER 17A TEAM PROFILE

Manager: Ian Tweedie

Coach: Alan Meacock
Tom Woodford

We only needed to win the final game 13-0 (instead of 2-1) to make the finals! The season was a mixed one, with some losses we should have won, and some good wins against top teams. Any of the first 6 or 7 teams in this grade were capable of beating any other, and it was only a chronic inability to convert short corners that kept Melville from one of the top positions. The team played some very good hockey at times, and developed a good midfield understanding and style by the end of the season. Alan and Tom deserve our grateful thanks for all they put into helping individual players with their games and developing team skills and tactics.

PETER BARRETT

(Fullback, Captain) Solid and dependable player, who tackles strongly and skilfully and clears effectively. A conscientious and astute captain, Peter started the season at centre half, and did very well, but moved back to help balance the team, and became the mainstay of the defence, while always seeking to send the ball forward to advantage.

ANDREW BYARS

(Fullback) Played some strong games early, but inclined to lose his cool and spoil his good work. A very powerful striker of the ball, whom no forwards could take lightly.

JOHN COOKE

(Halfback/centrehalf) A skilful and heady player who was always striving to find his forwards. Always hard to beat and persistent in defence, could tackle much bigger opponents successfully, and use the ball coolly and neatly.

IAN DARBY

(Wing) Played a number of games as reserve. An aggressive, attacking player who always ran hard and never gave up.

PAUL EARLY

(Halfback) A very good, reliable player who made good position and blanketed many opponents. Tackles well and passes effectively, and made some heart-stopping saves on the goal line for good measure.

GLEN GILL

(Left wing) Used his considerable speed to good effect to provide a strong avenue of attack. Also picked up some good goals coming in from the left. Should perhaps run around the ball and shoot more often. Gave remarkable vocal support at the end of the season when unable to play.

ROBERT GOLDING

(Halfback) An attacking halfback, with very good skills and control. Sometimes inclined to hold onto the ball too long, but very strong both in attack and defence, and showed definite class and outstanding ability, when he remembered his shoes or drinks.

UNDER 17A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd)

PETER HEWITT

(Fullback) Dashing defender, whose powerful tackling and sometimes surprising turn of speed held out many attacks. Cleared well, and scored a memorable equalising goal against Subs. The two Peters built up a very good understanding, and formed a formidable defensive line.

JOHN MITCHELL

(Goalie) Always a trier, his confidence increased during the season, and he made some good saves at times. Needs to develop his judgment and take charge of the D more aggressively, but a game effort.

DAVID PALLOT

(Right Inner) Hard working forward who covers a lot of ground and positions himself skilfully. A very steady player who combines well with his team mates and plays a very heady game, always making himself available for a pass. A great team man.

BRAD REEBY

(Centre Forward) Aggressive, driving forward with good goal sense. Inclined to lack discipline and stamina at times, but always dangerous near the goal and in attack.

BERNARD ROGERS

(Goalie) Only available for the latter part of the season. A confident keeper with great reflexes and plenty of courage and skill. Always willing to go hard for the ball, regardless of bruises (his or opponents), and to take on a breakaway, usually successfully.

GLEN SPARK

(Left Inner) Skilful forward, the team's leading goalscorer, with excellent trapping, ball control, dribbling and passing abilities. Sparky was always available for a pass, and used the ball well to set up many attacks, and finish off a lot of them himself. A very exciting player.

CAMERON TWEEDIE

(Right Wing) Speedy and penetrating winger, whose skills developed well during the season and who often proved a danger to opposing defences. Always willing to take on a defender and could usually be heard urging on the team.

NICK TWEEDIE

(Forward) Utility forward with fine ball skills and control, who made good position and always looked to use the ball to the team's advantage. Scored some fine goals and adapted well to several positions throughout the season.

UNDER 17 GREEN TEAM PROFILE

We didn't have a very successful season, though finishing third. Everyone tried hard, every game and team spirit and loyalty were always high, but somehow it never all came together at the right time. Individuals had lots of skill but lack of discipline and many changes over the season to support 17A didn't help stability at critical games.

Congratulations to all for trying hard, and especially for your loyalty and the way you all supported one another. Best wishes to those leaving junior ranks.

GAVIN CORBETT

(Goalie). Gavin played a really good season and is developing into a fine goalie. He played it tough all the time and some of his kicking was excellent.

EVAN COOPES

BARRY DARLING

(Fullback). The same comments apply to both. Evan and Bazza combined well to prove a strong backline combination who could cover a lot of ground. Both are big and need to watch the way they handle small players. Their clearing hitting was powerful and accurate but both must watch the tendency to lift the ball - and must learn to bite their tongues, especially with umpires they look down on from a great height.

NIGEL CAMERON

(Centre half). Nigel was the pivot of the team and was sadly missed in the first semi-final. He is extremely fast and a modest and generous, but very confident player. Congratulations on being fairest and best.

ANDREW BYARS

(Right half). Andrew is a very strong, fast player who ran into some trouble because of his size. He has great potential, but must learn to keep his cool.

BRADFORD SIMPSON

(Left half). Brad came up from Blues early in the season and threw himself enthusiastically into every game, playing left side defence most intelligently.

PAUL LAMBERT

(Centre forward). Paul too came up from Blues early in the season and though a bit erratic played some fine games. His stick work and sense of where goals were really lifted the team at times. We hope that work won't hinder your hockey future Paul.

DAVID MCCAW

(Right wing). David is a fast and skilful player but had an erratic season. On good days his clever foot and stick work would make opposition players look like toys. However other times he needed to pass the ball on more readily. Good luck in your hockey career in Melbourne David.

UNDER 17 GREEN TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

IAN DARBY

(Right inner). Ian was Captain when not needed for A team, which seemed too often. He is a very skilful player who now needs to run more.

SCOTT ELSTON

(Left inner). Scott was the most consistent player, who never stopped trying and fought every game to the finish. Scott has the ability to lift his game to that of the best but must learn to become goal-hungry.

SCOTT NALDER

(left wing). Scott is an exceptionally fast player whose talents weren't utilised enough. On good days he combined brilliantly with Scott E, Paul and Nigel and his fine stick-work produced several good goals.

UNDER 17 BLUE TEAM PROFILE

GREG OLDFIELD

A strong and creative player on the forward line which is shown by him becoming the teams Fairest and Best and who should further improve to be a valuable player in Seniors next year.

NEIL MCKENNA

A strong tackler who fills his fullback position well, and always gives 100%. He is also a very supportive team member.

CLAYTON RYDER

A welcome addition to the side, as he has good skills and works well in both attack and defence.

ROGER POTTS

A consistent player throughout the season, who should further improve and be a valuable player in the 17s next year.

SIMON WHITE

Considering it was his 1st year in Assoc. hockey, he showed a marked improvement over the season as he was always willing to listen to advice.

SIMON ANDREWS

Came from the Greens halfway through the season. A good fast forward who makes good opportunities for attack.

MIKE DEKLEER

A keen player who always gives his 100% at both matches and training.

IAN DARLING

The loudest voiced member of our team, who is a reliable player and a good supporter from the fullback position.

NICK LAW

A player who keeps the game flowing and should further improve with another year in 17s.

MARK BEISSEL

Thanks to the Greens for letting us have this halfback who has good skills and who became a valuable member of our team.

JOHN MITCHELL

Acquired by this side from 17A's. He has improved greatly throughout the season and has shown good club spirit by continuing to play after the disappointment of missing out in the 17A's. Thanks John.

Others who played for our team during the season are:

BRAD SIMPSON, PAUL LAMBERT, GEOFF FORBES, SCOTT NALDER, GAVIN SCALLY, ROBERT SEE.

As team Manager, I would like to thank the whole team for giving their best and congratulations on having such good team spirit and maintaining high morale in the face of many defeats.

I also wish to thank our supporters for coming each week and helping to keep the boys spirits up.

A special thanks to our coach - Alan Meacock and assistant coach - Mr. Ryder.

Good luck next season, boys.

UNDER 15 - GENERAL NOTES

I wish to thank firstly all the players of each Under 15 team. Generally I've had little to grumble about during the season. I did think that as the season wore on that the numbers at training dropped off a bit. I know that some players have other commitments throughout the year and this probably had a bearing on attendance. I would love to see all of you boys back at the Club in 1985.

I would like to pay tribute to the Managers of all the teams.

Under 15 White - Mrs. Julia Fry. Julie has had an awesome task this season and I hope we haven't burnt her out. Looking after the team has meant phoning them each week to make sure she has a full team. We managed to take players from her on numerous occasions leaving her short on many occasions. Through this we managed to field teams every week. Julie's effort has been appreciated by all concerned.

Under 15 Red - Mr. & Mrs. Harris
Under 15 Green - Mr. Laurent, Keith Shields
Under 15A - Mr. & Mrs. M. Wood.

In grouping these people together I would like to thank them on a job well done. Always right behind their teams with cards etc., drinks, collection of monies and so on. Without you people the teams cannot function. Thankyou for your support and caring through season 84.

I want to make special mention to the assistant coach of the Under 15s - Frank Williams.

Frank has taken training with yours truly all season. I'm sure the boys will join me in saying well done and thankyou Frank. He has passed on many valuable ideas and skills to the boys throughout the season. Frank has made my job an easier and more enjoyable one. He managed to cover at least one game (sometimes two) every Saturday. Teams need someone on the sidelines of the game and Frank's presence was invaluable. As anyone who coaches will tell you, the time and effort required each week is enormous. It puts a great deal of strain on yourself and your family and I know Frank felt this. I hope you have enjoyed, as we have Frank, the effort you've put in. Thanks from everyone.

JOHN COLE
COACH UNDER 15s

ANDREW SANDERS

(Right Half & Centre Half). A very energetic player, small in stature but big in heart. Played most of the season at right half but when called on to play at centre he did it with the coolness and determination he has always shown. Most keen to learn from what he is told or shown. Andrew has improved his game tremendously and has a good future.

JEFF WEST

Jeff is a very fit and tenacious player whose presence on the field exudes desperation. A player whose skill and control progressed and improved with every passing week. A most unfortunate injury forced Jeff out after the first round. I know I speak for the whole team when I say we missed him very much. (He wasn't too excited about sitting on the sidelines either). Thanks for supporting the team to the end Jeff.

GAVIN LEE

(Left Half). Gavin has had a mixed season but managed to hold his place in the side when pressured. Has lots of ability and reads the play quickly. Stick control was good but sometimes let himself down on hitting. I think the strong part of Gavin's game was his tackling. He set up many good forward moves with strong tackles. Will need to work on his pace next season but I'm sure he will because he is a real battler.

BEN GOOCH

(Inside Forward). Pound for pound probably the best stick work in the team. Tends to run onto defenders fore-stick a little too often. When switched to left inner he seemed a lot more comfortable. Loves to run with the ball and was encouraged to do so. Set up many goals during the season. Ben is an unselfish forward who works hard without being asked or pushed. Ben has played some wonderful games this season and I hope he remains with us in 1985.

BEN MATTHEWS

(Centre forward/Inner). Ben is a great leader on the forward line. He gets into open spaces and is prepared to take on the defence single handed. Scored some lovely goals in this fashion during the season and set up many more. A very aggressive forward especially in the circle. Loves to score goals. Keep up the good work Ben.

JOHN ROBINSON

(Left Wing). John has had an exciting season. A lightly built player with more determination than most. I think John can be a great left wing with constant work. He reads and leads very well, has good pace and is prepared to run the ball into attack. One problem he still has to work on, is his trapping. Scored some uncanny goals. Has a bright future if prepared to work and learn from others.

UNDER 15A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

SCOTT FORBES

(Right wing). Speed is Scotts main attribute. Over 50 metres he is rarely caught. Scotts finish needs some work. Tends to cross the ball without looking, thus undoing a lot of his hard work. Trapping also needs to be worked on next year. Enjoys a run at centre forward where his pace also allowed him to penetrate deep into attack. Work on your basics Scott and improvement will follow quickly.

ROBERT MITCHELL

(Fullback). Robert is a reliable fullback with a powerful hit making him hard to be without. Has improved out of sight this year and is very keen to play well each week. Will listen and put into practice, skills which have been pointed out to him. Always looks for a player to pass to. Has a good future in hockey. Would like to see him at training more often next season.

MARK MALLABONE

(Right Wing/Inner/Centre forward). Probably the smallest player in 15A's but there is none more tenacious. Reminds me of a bulldog that never lets up. Certainly knows where the goals are and that is his target. Has a bit of learning to do in the skills and stick work area. Needs to pay more attention to control of the ball and running around a player, not through him. Generally a pretty good season. Would like to see Mark at training more often also.

ANDRE PARKER

(Fullback/Captain). Andrew was a good on-field leader of men. Needs to try and general them a bit more. When he controls the game and talks to the team is a much better player. A very solid defender with terrific skills. His passing game improved as the season progressed, often switching play from left to right and resulting in goals. Probably the best tackler in the team, he set the examples for the rest of the team. Personally, I think a different stick would improve his hitting i.e. not so much lifting, and maybe a lot harder hitting.

SCOTT DILLON

(Goalkeeper). Scotts main attribute is he is a fearless goalkeeper. A very aggressive player he means to keep his goal clear at all times. Needs to work on some basics, i.e. where to position himself during free hits and corners. Needs to keep his mind on the game for the full duration. A pleasing season hope he continues.

UNDER 15A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

SCOTT WOOD

(Inside forward). A talented player who belies his age. Scott is the most attacking player in the side. Always prepared to try something different. Has improved his skills this season which allows him to run with the ball and take on all comers. Has scored many excellent goals for the team and is to be commended for his on field attitude. Played some games at centre half and distributed the ball very well. Has a fine future in the game.

TIM REID

(Halfback). Started the season very late but fitted into the side just at the right time. Has good stick work and ball control and never gives up. Pushes the forwards at all times. Trapping and on field pace need to be improved. Hope Tim can play a full season next year and work on these points. A solid contribution. Thanks Tim.

UNDER 15 RED TEAM PROFILE

GRAEME REID

Part time Captain and score card signatory.
(Thank heaven for hard of hearing umpires).

JOHNATHON MATTHEWS

A newcomer to the U15R, greatly improved and gained confidence during the season.

SHANE WAY

The high speed fullback, often saved the day.

DAVID BAKER

Great in goals. (Pity he can't be recognised).

ANDREW OGILBY

Improved out of sight, right into the green team, good going.

LUKE HARRIS

The mild mannered winger. Has improved a great deal this season. Needs to hit a lot harder when shooting at goal.

PAT BOWEN

Always going, complete with all weather hat, trapping needs to improve.

NATHAN JAMES

The quiet inner, reliable and agile.

NATHAN JONES

A forceful player with all the necessary enthusiasm. Promoted to greens and fully deserved it.

DAVID BRUNSMAN

The big lads absence much noticed in the latter half of the season.

WAYNE PAGE

Good position player. Started the season with an injury. Put in some good games towards the end of the season.

NIGEL BARRETT

Good fighting spirit most useful in his centre position. Trapping and marking of a player need to be improved.

Well the U15R didn't win any cups, finals, etc, not even the "wooden spoon", however most importantly a game of hockey was had and with the minimum of frayed tempers and umpire bashing. Also thanks from the team to Frank Williams for his coaching and patience.

UNDER 15 GREEN TEAM PROFILE

Manager - R. Laurant

Training Coach - John 'Ace' Cole
Coaches - F. Williams
K. Shields

GREG HESKETH

(Fullback). First year with Melville. A very talented player and certainly the coolest and quietest of the team. As many opposition forwards found out, Greg has the ability to be in the right place at the right time. He combined very well with J. Holt and I. Laurent as our last line of defence.

JUSTIN HOLT

(Fullback). A very enthusiastic player who never gives up and is never short of a word of praise (or other) to his team mates. He always enjoys his hockey (even with a black eye). A very good team member. (Under 17 next year).

STEVEN HANCOCK

(Right half/centre half/Captain). A very dependable player, with a very good disposition and a joke or a witty remark at the most surprising moment (like father, like son I guess). A good team member and a good Captain. (Under 17 next year).

NATHAN JONES

(Right Inner). Joined us late in the season. Always in the thick of the game. Nathan has the ability to score some incredible goals. A good player with a good future. (Under 17 next year).

BRETT KAY

(Full forward). Came to U15 green at the same time as N. Jones. Both combined very well, giving some much needed aggression to our forward line.

SCOTT FORBES

(Right inner/full forward). A very fast player with a good control of the ball, and some excellent stick work. Unfortunately (for us) went to Under 15A half-way through the season.

SHAUN EARLY

(Left half). A steady player. Played consistently all the season. Handled his position with courage and determination. Has a good control of his stick. A reliable team member.

CRAIG LUNT

(Left Inner/Centre forward). A very talented player with a dash of brilliance, but who often gets demoralised if the game does not go his way. With positive thought, Craig could be the star of the future.

IAN LAURANT

(Goalkeeper). First year in goal (after a try in indoor hockey). Improved with every game, thanks to Martin 'Chalkie' Logan's coaching. Ian hates having a goal scored against him which makes him try harder. Perfect position for him to use his very loud voice.

UNDER 15 GREEN TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

PAUL HARRIS

(Right wing). A talented player who uses his speed and ball control to break the opposition's defence line, giving his team lots of opportunities to score and even scoring himself some brilliant goals. (Under 17 next year).

BRETT SHIELDS

(Left wing/left half). Brett uses his speed, stick work, and natural abilities to full advantage, for those two important positions. Sometimes, needs a little more determination and a louder voice to remind his team that he is there, at the right place and given the ball, ready to strike.

MICHAEL UNDERWOOD

(Centre half). Performed very well in this position, however, had slight lapses of concentration from time to time. Hit the ball very hard and accurately, especially in short corners. Played a brilliant game against Y.M.C.A. Perth. Unfortunately, a broken finger kept him away from the final round.

Other boys who played with us during the season.

GARRICK AYERS, MARK MALLABONE, NATHAN JAMES, DARRELL SMITH, TIM REID, GRAEME REID, JONATHON MATTHEWS, PATRICK BOWEN, MIKE SCHULTZ, SHANE WAY, WARWICK FRY, SCOTT DILLON, NIGEL BARRETT, ANDREW OGILEY, LUKE HARRIS, DAVID BRUNSMAN (and probably a few more I have forgotten).

To all those boys, thank you very much for your participation.

K. SHIELDS

Thankyou to Mr. & Mrs. Shields for picking up the bag every week. Extra thanks to Mr. Shields for much needed good game coaching and a 'fully equipped, readily available' first aid kit (including drinking cup).

RENE LAURENT

(First year Manager). Still a debutante, has potential, but needs to control his loud voice and learn to stick to English when he gets too involved with the game. (Written by F. Laurant, secretary, bag watcher and keeper of watches, chains and assorted jewellery.)

UNDER 15 WHITE TEAM PROFILE

Manager - J. Fry

During the season the players were complimented by the umpires and opposing coaches for their ability to play as a team and to enjoy the game.

WARREN FYVIE

(Captain). Warren was unable to play for part of the season due to injury. His game improved during the year and he will be a valuable U17 team member next year.

FLETCHER BARR

This year Fletcher discovered that 'wing' is a very lonely position, but necessary for a team to succeed.

GREG BLACK

Greg also played wing this season. He showed good stick work and was always there when needed.

TIM GALLOWAY

Tim commenced this season as a full back but transferred to goalkeeper. He gained valuable experience and should concentrate on goal-keeping next year.

PETER GIBSON

Peter is a quiet achiever. Capable of playing any field position his future is in the half-back line.

WARWICK FRY

Warwick maintained his goalkeeping standard set last year. In the latter half of the season he played field positions. A very keen player.

WAYNE JOHNSTON

Wayne was unable to play for half the season. An excellent team member who will do well next year in the Under 17's.

PETER NICOL

Peter talks and talks and talks..... He more than compensates for his team mates 'loss of voice' on the field. He has the distinction of scoring a goal against Fremantle.

JOHN STALLWOOD

John, who came from Northam, played centre forward this year. The youngest team member, he should play well next season.

Thanks to those players from other teams who filled the gaps for us during the season.

UNDER 13B TEAM PROFILE

MANAGER - JAN KUHLMANN

It has been a very pleasant job to manage such a nice bunch of kids.

This team has done their Club proud by their performances this year - at the time of writing they are on top of the ladder and facing their first semi-final. Considering that they have only let one opposition goal slip through and have themselves managed to put forty eight (48) safely into the net, speaks volumes for their ability.

Able coached by Alan Kuhlmann and Rod McLeod, with support from Peter Brien, this team has progressed from twelve "hockey mad" individuals to the Melville City Mean Machine, whose abilities, skills and enthusiasm will, I'm sure, be rewarded with the Pennant. If not, it will not be for want of trying - I congratulate them.

Thanks Parents - your support is their strength and appreciated by all (including the Manager).

JUDSON CLARK

After the re-grade, our very talented Vice-Captain and goalie, was watching the 'birds' one day and let a goal slip through - but never again. What a great record for 7 matches. Determined and defiant against attacking opposition, his skill at reading and calling the play was always of assistance to his supporting fullbacks.

ROGER KUHLMANN

An excellent years progress. Last year he played a forward in the U13C team and this year with some 'fatherly' advice from his coach he moved to a full back position and seems to have found his niche. A strong defender who distributes the ball well to his halfbacks and forwards.

SAAD OMARI

The strong, silent type. In his 1st year with the club, this solid fullback has proved his worth to the team with consistent defence, showing good anticipation and reading of the play.

JOHN D'ALTON

Played a variety of positions - utility player. Has good hockey skills and natural ability which have carried him through.

PAUL DENNETT

Team Captain, who has handled this position with considerable maturity and understanding of the game. An extremely capable centre half, who tackles well and swings the ball constructively around the field.

BRUCE HANCOCK

The young gentleman of the team. Courteous and controlled and a fine example of what good sportmanship is all about. Playing mainly at right half he worked well with his wing and centre forward and was instrumental in the eventual scoring of several field goals.

UNDER 13B TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

DONALD MCWILLIAM

Solid, reliable and 'always there' when required. Never daunted in tackling duels (which he invariably won), Donald led many charges down the left to the winger - often resulting in goals.

ROHAN LAWLOR

Another of our silent team members (refreshing change from some of the others). Talk wasn't necessary when those long legs got into action - our speedy left winger was 2nd top goal scorer. Perhaps a little more aggression and 'talking' to team mates during play would help to make an even more valuable contribution.

CHRIS PALMER

A quiet, but effective player in left inner position who had a number of unfortunate absences due to illness. His back tackling as an inner is to be commended.

ANDREW MULCAHY

Top goal scorer prior to the finals who when using finesse scored some classy goals. He also contributed strongly to team play as the season developed.

DRARG RICHARDS

A keen and enthusiastic member of the side who could always be relied upon to give maximum effort. Worked particularly well with his winger, instigating many successful attacking moves.

KAREN JONES

"Lady Luck" to the team. She has been a very valuable and valued team member. The Club will be sadly depleted by her departure to the ranks of Women's Hockey next year. She was courageous and constructive in all her games. We all thank you Karen for your contribution to the game, to your team and Club and wish you well for all your future years of hockey.

UNDER 13E TEAM PROFILE

ROWLAND LORD

(Goalkeeper). Has made great progress in his first year of hockey and has settled in as an aggressive goalkeeper with few goals conceded since re-grade. Well done Rowland and good luck in the 15's.

DARREN BAIN

(Fullback). Darren was a little unsettled early in the year with a few shifts from one team to another, but settled down after re-grade and is back to being a solid defender. A little more determination will work wonders Darren.

SIMON BRIEN

(Fullback). Since shifting from the forward line it is obvious where Simon's strength is, as a most attacking fullback, and is a good example for our other fullbacks to see. A job well done Simon. Definitely a better year, much improvement.

BARRY WELLINGTON

(Halfback). Has only been in this team since re-grade, but has shown that he has lost none of his skills. A most entertaining player to watch and only has to become a little more aggressive to achieve his ultimate goals. A pleasure to have you in the team again Barry.

ANDREW MALE

(Halfback). A most aggressive player in both attack and defence; also knows how to lift a side and distribute the play well. Has one of the best hockey brains I have seen. U13E would not have been the same side without you Andrew. Good luck in the 15's.

NICHOLAS HAMER-SMITH

(Halfback). Nicholas has one of the most important basic skills. 'Determination'. Together with his other improving skills, he will become a very sought after player to any team. It was also good to have you in my team and good luck for the future.

GLEN TWEEDIE

(Halfback). A very skilful player I saw improve greatly over the year. Glen formed part of our strong halfback line that was partly responsible for our strong defence. It is good to have players like Glen that you can rely on. Congratulations on a good year and good luck in the 15's.

TIM KLASS

(Left wing). Another skilful player who only saw his full potential a couple of times, due mainly to a couple of hard knocks that set him back. Players like Tim should be able to achieve the level of hockey they deserve without being abused by bad stickwork. Well done Tim and keep trying.

NATHAN KENNEY

(Inner). A strong and reliable player and also the Captain of our side. Nathan has played very well and consistently during the year. His skills are progressing steadily and he will be an asset to any team. Keep practicing and improving Nathan and I'll see you again next year.

UNDER 13E TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

IAN WOOD

(Centre forward). An aggressive player who is not bothered by flashing sticks and sliding goalkeepers and he has been rewarded by several goals. One of the strengths of our side and since shifting from the backline, has achieved some success. Keep practicing your skills and good luck in the 15's.

DAVID BERGL

(Inner). A player with a lot of skill and experience behind him. David unfortunately lets his emotions control his game and needs a little more self control. With this you will gain the recognition due to you and will be able to take your place in the team of your choice. Well played and good luck in the 15's.

CALUM MC ALINDON

(Wing). A player with a lot of natural talent. With some good displays of position, play and skill during the year, Calum has been an important part of our attack. He constantly broke through the defence and was directly responsible for a lot of our success. I'm sure you won't have any trouble fitting into the 15's next year. Good luck.

ERIC BAIN
MANAGER.

UNDER 13F TEAM PROFILE

- MATTHEW ANDREWS (Right half/wing). A reliable and keen player with a good hard hit.
- DARREN BOWERS (Vice-Captain/right wing). Darren's speed and determination on the wing have initiated many attacking moves.
- ANDREW DIENHOFF (Centre forward). A reliable team member who has developed excellent stick work over the season.
- SCOTT FRASER (Centre forward). An able player with good skills.
- DARRYL GEORGE (Left wing/left half). Darryl improved a great deal as the season progressed and is a very useful member of the team.
- IAN GIBSON (Centre halfback). A good player who tackles and clears the ball well.
- PETER HARTREE (Captain/fullback/centre half). Peter has captained the team well. His tackling and hard hitting have foiled many an attack. Awarded best player.
- DEAN HICKMAN (Goalkeeper). A cheerful team member who always played his best and made many fine saves.
- GREG NORTON (Left inner/right inner). An enthusiastic player, Greg tackles well and is a great asset to the forward line.
- SAM PRODONOVICH (Left wing/left inner). A keen player who always did his best.
- DARRYL SMITH (Centre half/right inner). A determined player who distributed the ball well amongst the forwards. Awarded most improved player.
- RALPH SUNLEY (Left wing). A keen player who always tried his hardest.
- SIMON WADDY (Left halfback/left inner). A reliable player with good skills. Improved as the season progressed.
- MATTHEW WRIGHT (Fullback). A good defender who is always prepared to go into the tackle.

UNDER 11D TEAM PROFILE

The Under 11D team consisted of a majority of players who have many more years of Under 11's to play. Basically we were an inexperienced side whose performances ranged from a few excellent games to some very disappointing games. The main achievement of the year is that all members of this side should gain the benefits of their initial coaching in the basics of the game from Coach Deveson.

On behalf of all Parents, thanks to Ian Deveson for his great effort this year.

SIMON ATKINSON (Left Inner). Simon had a slow start to this season, but found form and confidence with some excellent games in the second half of the season. The highlight of Simon's season was his effort in scoring five goals against Harlequin Dianella.

ALAN BARHAM (Right Inner). Alan had another good season in his final year of Under 11's. Alan was one of the teams most consistent players all year displaying fine skills and determination.

JEREMY GALLOWAY (Left wing). Jeremy had a relatively quiet year this year, but held his position on the wing very well during the season. Jeremy has a good level of skills and can look forward to a good season next year.

HEATH POZZI (Centre half/halfback). Unfortunately Heath only played a few games this year because of his athletics commitments. Heath's best game, was the final game of the season when we were short and he showed that he had not lost his touch.

JARRAD POZZI (Centre half). Jarrad also had a slow start to this season, but showed the skills and determination in the second half of the season that won him a fairest and best award last season.

PETER WELLS Peter was a much improved player this season in his new position. Peter played many excellent games particularly early in the season. With two more seasons still in Under 11's, Peter has the ability to develop into a top player.

JULIAN SIMPSON (Right fullback). Julian was a first year player who fitted well into the fullback line. Julian is a confident player who backed his judgement on all occasions, which at times resulted in his being in hot water with coach Deveson.

UNDER 11D TEAM PROFILE

GARY SWAN

(Centre forward). Nicknamed 'Cotton Buds' by the coach after the manner in which he wielded the hockey stick. Gary, another first year player who showed great determination throughout the season and should develop into a strong player with more experience.

BRENDON CLANCEY

(Right halfback). Brendon was a strength throughout the year as a halfback in his first season. On occasions Brendon strayed from his position, but with more experience should develop into a good hockey player.

DAMIAN CLANCEY

(Right wing). One of the younger members of the team, who throughout the season was a player who showed great improvement. Damian learnt to play his position well and could be relied on to instigate forward attacking moves.

GEOFFREY COOPER

(Left halfback). Geoffrey was a first year player who possesses a great deal of ability. Geoffrey played many excellent games in the first half of the season and was always consistently in the teams best player's list.

ADAM PIRRIE

(Left fullback). Adam joined the team midway through the season and fitted smoothly into the side. Adam has a great deal of natural ability and should develop into a strong player.

KEITH MARSTON

(Right fullback/centre forward). Keith was the most experienced player in the team this year. Keith used his strength and experience to great effect this season and was a very consistent performer.

UNDER 11E TEAM PROFILE

JANENE HANCOCK Is a petite, pretty, polite player, but don't be fooled by this; Janene is in full control of the game and is and will be an asset to her team next season. Playing on the forward line she has great drive and I'm sure we will see Janene hitting many goals.

TODD BARRETT A dedicated player who puts his heart and soul into playing hockey. Todd plays a well positioned game and always gives his utmost to his team. Great work Todd.

MATTHEW RUMMER Here we have a player who gives all his energy and best to the game from beginning to the end. A courageous player who will always have a go. Keep up the good work Matthew.

SIMON KLASS A very impressive keen player who has a lot of skill and always tries his best. Simon had a slight adjustment to make during the season but next year I'm sure he will be as accurate as he was in the beginning of the year. Great work Simon.

PAUL DAVIS Here we have 'the ruck' of the team. Paul has played tremendously well all year and as well as achieving the best Junior player of the Day during the season. Paul has a very strong hard hit; always there when needed; very reliable and dedicated to his team. Hope to see you next year Paul.

RICHARD MCDONALD Richard has had a little giggle now and then during the season, but there has been a marked improvement in the last games and it seems he is proving a very versatile player. Keep up the good work Richard. It is always nice to see a happy cheerful player.

ALISDAIR MCDONALD Being the youngest member of our team he has great courage which we all admire. During the season Alisdair has always held his stick firmly on the ground and has great skill in trapping the ball. Great effort Alisdair .

IAN MCWILLIAM It is always pleasing to see a player such as Ian try his best and to do what his Coach asks. It has been a good season for you and hope to see you next year. I guess Ian is saying Yes! as long as I don't have to play on the wing.

SHANI BARR A little bit timid at the beginning of the season - but now with her new position as fullback, Shani cannot do anything wrong. Keep up the good work Shani.

UNDER 11E TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

TIM DIENHOFF

Tim is a tryer and always does what his coach asks of him. There has been a great improvement in his game. Keep in there Tim.

WARRICK TURTON

It is very pleasing to be associated with good and well mannered players. Warrick always plays the game fairly and also does what his coach asks of him. Good play.

TODD RICHARDS

Todd is another dedicated player who is an iron man in the goals. He has a great style and will be among the top players in future years.

PHILLIP AIREY

Phillip was a little timid at the beginning of the season but now he has regained his confidence in the game and I'm sure we will see better things for Phillip next season.

JAMIE MORRIS

A very new player to the side but showing much promise.

SEASON 1984

SENIOR AWARDS

FAIREST & BEST

1ST DIVISION	FOUNDERS' SHIELD	MARTIN LOGAN
2B		BRIAN MATTHEWS
3A		DAVID HALLIDAY
4A		CRAIG LANCASTER
5A		NOEL McROBERTS
6A		BRUCE CAMERON
7A		ROSS READ
MASTERS		BRIAN SPITTLER
KIP BLADKY TROPHY - BEST CLUBMAN		ALAN MEACOCK

OTHER REPRESENTATIONS - 1984

MAX REYNOLDS	W.A.H.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MICHAEL WOOD	W.A.H.A. JUNIOR COMMITTEE
FRANK FITZGERALD	W.A.H.A. FIXTURES COMMITTEE
BILL FORWARD	W.A.H.A. SUMMER HOCKEY COMMITTEE
KEITH TIMMEL	W.A.H.A. COUNTRY COMMITTEE
GEOFF MORRIS)	
)	
CRAIG LANKESTER)	WINDELYA SPORTS ASSOC. COMMITTEE
)	
GRAEME MEACOCK)	

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Thanks to Wally Meacock for the fine action photographs he has taken over the season and donated to the Club.

THE COMMITTEE TEAM PROFILE

Did you know that there is another team in our club that you have probably never seen play? Their matches are held one evening every fortnight and their season generally starts well before and runs longer than that for other teams. They also do a lot of mid week working out.

Our Captain in MAX (where was I) REYNOLDS - he is the mainstay of the team playing at centre half back. Max is very creative with great distribution ability, however, he is not as quick as he used to be and we may drop him to a lower grade next season, or perhaps the season after that or maybe the one following that or

The Vice Captaincy of our team is divided between IAN (accept the incoming, endorse the outgoing) DEVESON, HAROLD (bags and balls) FARMER and BRUCE (bite em for a buck) PORTER.

Ian plays a reliable role at right inside forward and is a tireless worker setting up many good passages of play. Also has excellent secretarial skills but needs more fitness work.

Harold plays a sturdy game at full back but is willing to fill any position. Has occasional lapses of concentration and should front up to training more often. Is also our equipment officer and does an excellent job in this regard.

Bruce is our strike forward - putting the bite on many unsuspecting businessmen for team sponsorship. Also co-ordinates teams selection. Took a long time to learn that you make coffee with hot water.

Our team manager is LYN RICHARDS. Don't be deceived by the good looks. She organises our correspondence, minutes, functions, other players, David, and anybody else who gets in the way. A very capable lady.

Assisting our manager was LYN DILLON. We thank Lyn for the good work she put in with the team in the 1st part of the season before she was forced to give up the game for career responsibilities.

BILL (moneybags) FORWARD is our goalie and financial controller. Nothing gets past Bill - in or out of the net. Is feared for his strong arm tactics on players late paying fees. Has been saying for the past several years that he is due for retirement - but it's not easy to find a replacement for a good vintage port.

GEOFF (1 + 1 = 4) RILEY is our other full back and ably assists Bill in goals. Is known for his rowdy onfield behaviour - not a quiet lad at all! Has unfortunately been transferred to another playing district and is lost to our team next season.

BARRY (have a beer) HANCOCK - voluntarily attended most of our games and made a great contribution from the wing position. Also serves a generous beer at the club bar - high on malt and lean on froth. No truth in the rumour that his water bed is known as the 'Dead Sea' or 'Sea of Tranquility' after a late night at the club.

MIKE WOOD - Wing. Effervesces with bottled energy (coke variety) until the meeting goes into extra time. Very alert when promotion of juniors within the ranks is mentioned.

As you can see we don't have quite enough players to make a full team so we will be looking for recruits next season. If you want to play see Max Reynolds.

FIRST DIVISION TEAM PROFILE

Our dedicated team has provided our supporters with some fine hockey over the year and their effort in earning 13 points and scoring 33 goals is the best performance ever by our top team in the 1st Division. Wins over Suburban (1983/4 Premiers) and Cricketers were highlights of the season and there is no justice if the team has to be relegated to 1B Division for 1985. Our new players have contributed well and Australian player Nigel Patmore was an inspiration to all club players. The Club can be justly proud of its 1984 Division 1 team.

WALLY MEACOCK - MANAGER

FRANK FITZGERALD

(Captain/Coach). Fearless won the full support and confidence of the players with his dedicated approach to the task of playing 1st Division hockey. His sense of humour, his sound psychology, his insistence on players getting enjoyment from this game and his forthrightness in meeting problems front on developed team morale and a belief that Melville could take on any of the other teams and beat them. Well done Frank.

MARTIN LOGAN

(Goalie). Early in season worried about goals already scored. Played brilliantly in number of games in the second round. After attempting to eat the ball against Vic Park, we were forced to make Martin wear a mask so as he wouldn't damage the ball when stopping it with his teeth.

MIKE JENSEN

(Right fullback). Despite his bad taste in clothes and a mangled finger, Mike improved through the season to almost achieve "rock Like" stance at full back. Gives 100% on and off the field.

BRIAN MATTHEWS

(Right fullback/Left fullback). Zook played most of the season in the 2's team this year but showed he was 1st Div. class in the final game against Cricketers where he played brilliantly at fullback.

ANDREW FORD

(Left halfback). Spike played left half in the 1st team but was not comfortable. Spike has however carved a niche for himself at centre forward in the 2's and will no doubt press for selection in the 1st side next year in this position.

CHRIS LOVE

(Centre halfback/right halfback/left halfback). Cabbage's skill saw him play many positions as we tried to utilise them to the best advantage. Cabbage played centre half when we played orthodox and left fullback when we played systems. Hits a mean corner.

DES TOOMEY

(Right halfback/Left halfback). Des played 3 games in 1st Div. this year and played in our first winning game against University.

FIRST DIVISION TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

MATTHEW SPENCER

(Left inner/Right halfback). Bud/Zola won the continuous cold award for '84. Played solid hockey at left inner but excelled at right half for latter part of the season. Distinguished himself for trapping corners.

NICK GILL

(Right halfback). Shirl played a number of 1st Div. games. Helped steady the defence with his experience. However lack of fitness, falling off motor bikes, ridiculous hair styles and broken feet got the better of him.

ALAN DICK

(Left wing/right wing). Alan is one of our stars of the future. He improved throughout the season and scored some timely goals. His overhead pass to Ches for a goal against Fremantle was one of the coolest pieces of play on the scene this year.

JOHN MEACOCK

(Centre half/left half). Fred started the season at centre half but was forced to play left half so as to steady the defence. A timely tackler with good skills. Turned many defensive situations into attack. Did not miss a stroke all season and pushed out on corners. A top season.

ALAN MEACOCK

(Right wing). Tower of strength and speed at right wing. Destroyed many left side defences and scored many great goals. Coached the U17's.

PAUL MEACOCK

(Vice Captain/Left inner/right halfback/centre half). Contrary to popular belief Whip has not got a plastic back. In every game Whip played he made his presence felt. Whip's enthusiasm stimulated the team on and off the field. As assistant coach Whip's help and advice aided the squad to achieve the results that they did. (13 Pts. 1st Div., Premiership 28's). Oh yes, Whip scored a goal.

PAT MATTHEWS

(Forward). Pat was the forward utility player this season and was called upon to play a number of positions with little or no warmup. Because of his ability to play just about anywhere and with the skill that he possesses, Pat was an automatic selection for the 1st team. A first class team man.

DARRYL DEDMAN

(Right inner/right wing). D.D. arrived home in time to play in the last 5 or 6 games, and immediately formed an understanding with Al Meacock. It is therefore not surprising that we scored 7 out of 10 points for those games.

RON CHESNEY

(Centre forward). Ches had more bandages and injuries than an egyptian mummy, however when he played, his strength and speed humbled most defences. His astute running out on corners destroyed opposing corner batteries.

FIRST DIVISION TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

DAVID OGILBY

(Left wing/centre forward). Biggsy played one and a bit 1st Div. games this year. He celebrated his debut with two goals. Biggsy along with Rob, Kelvin, Geoff etc. are the up and coming stars and Melville.

NIGEL PATMORE

(Right inner/left inner). Member Australian Olympic team, Nigel has been an inspiration to the squad with his expertise on the field, say no more. Did not score a goal for Melville this year but really enjoyed the wins we had together.

2B TEAM PROFILE

MANAGER : NORM KIDD

COACH: FRANK FITZGERALD

1984 was a very successful year for the 2B's. They won the Guth Ardagh pennant, the Grand Final and played in the Challenge Cup. To top it all they were promoted to 2nd Division for 1985. Credit must go to all the members of the team who played so well during the season to make all this possible.

GEOFF RANFORD

Took over from Mike Jensen as Captain and played mainly at centre halfback. A dedicated and reliable player who played consistently throughout the season.

ERIAN MATTHEWS

Joined the team half way through the first round after playing in the 1st Div. A dynamic full back and splendid team man. On many occasions lifted the whole team by his own personal efforts.

MIKE NORTH

As goalie played soundly in the last line of defence. Always reliable and gave total support to the team.

RALPH HUDSON

Ever reliable at left half back and always put in a great game. Missed when he moved to another grade for several games mid season.

DEAN REVELL

In his second year in senior ranks has developed into a mature player and a skilful hard-working forward. His strong back tackling prevented many moves by the opposition.

GARY FITZPATRICK

Played strongly at either half back or full-back. Always reliable and gave 100% every game. A great team man.

DES TOOMEY

Equally at home as either an inner or halfback. Probably played his best hockey at left inner where he scored several goals. Also played in the 1st Div. early in the season.

ANDREW FORD

Has developed into a very strong forward player. Made the most of every opportunity and scored many goals during the season.

TOM WOODFORD

Had a mixed season in both the 1st Div. and 2B's. Produced brilliant stickwork on his good days and scored many goals.

IAN SALDANHA

Played strongly in the forward line. A great opportunist who always put in a good game and set up many scoring opportunities.

ROB SEE

One of the youngest members of the team having been promoted from the under 17's. Had a good season as a fullback and has a great future in this position.

KELVIN LAMBERT

A fast and furious winger who left many half backs wallowing in his wake. Another of the younger players with a great future in senior hockey.

2B TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

DAVID OGILEY

A junior player who produced a high standard of play as a winger. Has the skills and potential to develop into a top grade player.

ALSO PLAYED :

MIKE JENSEN

Captained the team for most of the first round before being promoted to 1st Division.

PAUL MEACOCK

Played the first two games and was then promoted to 1st Division.

NICK GILL

Alternated between 1st Division and the 2B's.

MALCOLM FARMER

Helped out on several occasions.

3A TEAM PROFILE

The season for the 3A team ended on a sad note because we missed out on a place in the four by a whisker. Injury and illness seemed to play havoc with the team but nevertheless we retained reasonable form. We did enjoy a very good team spirit which is vital for a team to succeed. The team was very fortunate to have had the input of some of the other players in the club and our thanks go to Ian Saldanha Davey Ford, Jimmy Bell, Dave Porter, Bruce Porter and Ralph. Lets now look forward to a great 1985 season.

GREG HUNT (Captain). As leader of the pack Greg benefitted greatly from the experience of the Hallidays & Grizzle and Max. He enjoyed the return to the forward line but found that he could only score goals when Ian Halliday wasn't playing.

IAN HALLIDAY (Vice Captain). It was unfortunate that an ankle injury kept Hals out of the game for a number of weeks. His keen goal sense and goal-scoring ability would have given us a berth in the four and a crack at the flag if he had have played his full compliment. Ian's experience proved invaluable and the younger players appreciated it.

DAVE HALLIDAY David's return from country hockey highlighted the skills he had acquired like being able to play good hockey on rotten grounds. David was very reliable and every team member gave him the confidence and respect he deserved. A top season.

MALCOLM FARMER Malcolm showed his worth by being promoted to the 2's on a few occasions. Mal is a tireless worker with stacks of skill. Playing at right inner meant that he could sway the mood of the game and it was evident that when Mal fired, so did the whole team.

BRAD FRANKEN Brad proved himself to be a very strong and aggressive player. No doubt he learnt a lot playing alongside Dave, Griz, Max & Boydy. Brad's confidence grew as the season progressed and he was often heard toward the latter half of the season telling opposition players and umpires what he really thought of them.

PHIL RILEY Phil has incredible stick skills and didn't mind showing them by beating the same bloke twice or thrice. His determination to play well needs to be tempered by some clear thinking and he will be dynamite.

GRAEME MEACOCK Graeme was as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar at full back and extremely creative at centre half. He had two real successes this season; he converted a lot of short corners and managed, in the most part, to stay on the good side of the umpires.

MAX CURRELL Max is an asset to any team and all of us were taught a lesson in hockey discipline by him. Lets hope that Max responds better to the boarding calls than he does to the start whistle of a game otherwise he may never return from his world trip. Half your luck Max.

3B TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

ANDREW BOYD

Andrew progressed naturally and very quickly through the ranks and could easily have gone higher. He is undoubtedly the most confident player in the team and had every reason to be. His long reach and precise timing frustrated many opponents. Always a pleasure to play alongside Andrew.

CRAIG SHIELDS

Craig's nonchalance, at times, lulled him into a false sense of security. When he protects the ball he is a very dangerous winger. Craig was very understanding when it came to substitutions. A good team man.

ALEX CAMERON

Alex responded to the call and came out of semi-retirement to fill the left half gap. He never made much noise but every opposing right winger knew that he had played a game after facing Alex. Thanks for your support.

WARREN SLATER

Warren was so excited about being recalled that he left home without his shin pads - every week. Warren is incredibly fit and strong and filled gaps produced by injury or illness capably.

DEREK FRY

The man behind the pads. Besides the tonne of equipment he would bring with him to a game, he also brought along our most loyal spectator. Derek can be very pleased with his season.

4A TEAM PROFILE

MANAGER: GEOFF MORRIS

CAPTAIN: BILL DOYLE

This turned out to be a rather disappointing season for the team with much ability as any in the grade, with a win required (and obtained) in the last game to avoid relegation. The ability of the team can be gauged that our results against the second team was a win and a loss and the third team was two wins, and the evenness of the grade shown by the results against the second bottom team of two losses. These two losses (which should have been wins as we were ahead in both games) cost us a place in the finals. There was a great number of players used in the grade and this could have contributed to some of the problems. When the "regular" team was on the field five of the six wins were achieved and in only one other game were we able to field this team.

CRAIG LANKESTER

Carried on the fine tradition of goal keeping he has established in previous years even though he has stepped up a grade. He came into the side after two games when our first goalie was injured and unable to play again.

DAVID TIMMEL

David showed great club spirit by travelling from the country each weekend to play. He consistently turned in a solid effort at full back and scored a couple of goals from short corners during the season.

CRAIG BARRETT

Always turned in a good performance in either the half line or the full back positions. He augmented his defence with some constructive attacking work.

ALAN TIETZEL

A new-comer to the club. He played so well that he was virtually immovable from right half. His great defence saw that no left wingers had easy games and also set up many fine attacks.

IAN REID

He has just graduated to the senior ranks and showed a great deal of maturity and performed admirably in the demanding position of centre half. His very good stickwork allowed him plenty of time in attack and defence.

GEOFF MORRIS

He played in most positions on the field and did well in most of them. From a few games in the forward line scored several goals. He also acted as Manager and provided drinks, distributed and collected raffle books etc.

BRETT MAIS

Also in his first year in the senior ranks. He played in most positions in the forward line and did well in all of them. His play improved and his willingness to contribute to team effort increased during the year.

DAVID PORTER

Put in his normal hard working year and used his great hockey knowledge to give some good educational talks at half time. His good eye for an opportunity saw him amongst the leading goal scorers.

4A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

BILL DOYLE

A centre forward of great skill as his nickname of "Wiz" would indicate. He fulfilled his role admirably and was easily our leading goalscorer.

BRUCE PORTER

The other half of the Porter family. He is probably willing to put in more effort than any but not all apparently effective. He scored several goals during the year. He played several games in the 3's as he seemed to be the first called on when they were short.

ANDREW DOYLE

A very capable forward for left hand side of the field. Goal scoring was not his high-point but scored his only goal in the last game when it was crucial. His skill was greatly used in setting up goals for others to take advantage of.

KEITH JACKMANN

Played about half the games when we were short. A steady reliable full back and instilled great trust in his team mates.

Other players who turned out for the 4's were :

BRIAN BURNS, RAY FORWARD (until injured), JOHN BRUINSMA (until injured)
BRAD FRANKEN, CRAIG SHIELDS, STUART MEREDITH, IAN HALLIDAY.

5A TEAM PROFILE

A topsy turvy season - towards the end of the first round we were considered contenders for the Challenge Cup but only managed to make third spot. We started off the second round with a serious of defeats and our position on the ladder gradually slipped away from us. The competition was very close and we were now looking at being relegated. However the team managed to draw a few games and with a convincing win over Wanneroo (fourth position) in our last game we finally finished in fifth spot. We were a bit unfortunate, at times, in that the team was used as a "chopping block" for the other teams and consequently we played short in games that we could have easily won had we fielded 11 players. Nonetheless, the season produced a bit of a challenge to us and it was pleasing to see that the players accepted the situation and succeeded and therefore maintained the 5A grade status.

"SCINTIA"/ANDREW ROGERSON - JOINT TEAM MANAGERS

KEITH JACKAMANN
(SCINTIA)

(Right full back/Acting Captain). Played most of the first round with the 5A's and then managed to convince the selectors that he was needed in the 4A's.

CRAIG LANKESTER
(BOMBER)

(Goalie). One of a few players who regularly supported the Club after the game. "Bomber" always gives his best and is an inspiration to the team. Played half the season in the 4's and proved to be just as effective as his performances were in the 5's.

IAN MUNNS

(Left full back). Ian could be regarded as a "quiet achiever" - his skill and determination saved many dangerous situations. A stalwart in defence and is always in the right position when needed.

ANDREW ROGERSON

(Left half). Started the year in the 4A's but "saw the light" and moved to the 5A's. Proved to be an asset to the team and probably was the best positional player. Assisted with the Manager's duties and was one of a few who supported the club after the game.

NOEL McROBERTS

("Defacto" Captain/Centre half). Joined the team after a few games in the 6A's. Provided the mid field strength and was one of our most consistent players. Handy to have in any side as he is a qualified physiotherapist - provided invaluable assistance to the Club on and off the field.

ROD McLEOD

(right half). Rod is a determined right half with a lot of experience. Although having a good season, Rod has acquired the ability to enter into philosophical arguments on tactics and umpiring decisions with umpires, opposition members or anyone else unfortunate enough to be within earshot. However, to his credit, he managed to coach some of the U13 teams in his spare time.

NIGEL TUCKER

On days with strong winds, Nigel was found a bit wanting at times due to his light frame. He played most of the season in the 5's before moving to greener pastures in the 7's. Nigel has good skills and his reticence to use them can only improve with experience.

5A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

JOHN McINTYRE

(Left inner). A real trier who puts in maximum effort. John regularly attended training and no doubt his biggest disappointment during the season was his inability to score goals. However he made up for it with determination and courage.

ALBERT MACKERTICH

(Centre forward). The leading goalscorer in the team. Albert however, at times, tended to retain possession of the ball to the detriment of his fellow players. Was rarely seen on the training track but could always be relied upon to turn up each week.

STUART MEREDITH

(Right inner). Joined the team after a few games in the 6A's. Scored a few fine goals during the season. Apart from complaining one day when the game finished a bit late - "I have to be at Guildford within 10 minutes" - "Stu" was a regular contributor and was a handy player to have in the team.

BRIAN BURNS

(Right wing). Joined the Club from Geraldton. Scored a number of excellent goals. Pace is his greatest asset and would be one of the quickest in the Club. Played a number of games with the 4A's.

DANNY ROBERTS

(Spare parts" Man). Played in a variety of positions including "left back on the bench". Although carrying a bit extra weight, Danny always was a strong contributor on the field. Travels up from Narrogin each weekend.

Our thanks to the following players who played with us during the year:

JEREMY ALLEN, MIKE SHANNON, MIKE BROOKS, ALEX JAMES, PAUL LOCKWOOD, ROBERT THOM, FRANK WILLIAMS, BRUCE CADD, BRUCE CAMERON, ROBBIE DALGLEISH, LES JAYATILAKA, STEVE MARTIN, GEOFF MORRIS, GREG OLDFIELD, GREG ROGERS, JOHN SHANNON, BRIAN SPITTELER, GREG STEWART, GARY TUCKER AND BRUCE TURNER.

6A TEAM PROFILE

The 6A's have enjoyed a good year, losing only 2 games and drawing 2 others. The rest of the games were reasonable wins with the team enjoying good teamwork and friendship. The highlights of the season, at time of writing, would be our 2-0 win over Y.M. Perth in the Challenge Cup and earning the Guth Ardagh pennant. We also enjoyed a good game against the Hyden Hockey Club at the hockey stadium, winning 5-3.

BRUCE TURNER

(Left wing). A consistent year from Bruce, although not a prolific goal scoring one as in past years. Although maybe if he had worn glasses Bruce would not have missed so many passes.

GREG (DIGGER) STEWART

(Left inner). The wizard. Probably our most skilful player who proved a very effective link man, whilst providing many wise words at half time.

BRUCE CAMERON

(Centre forward). Bruce started the season with goals galor, however an appendectomy half way through the season seemed to stop the flow.

ROB THOM

(Right inner). Skilful and elusive (where've you been all season). Scored many fine goals but probably lacked legs in defence.

ALEC JAMES

(Right wing). A very fine season, providing an effective source to goal. Alex completes our very dominant, successful and skilful forward line.

WAYNE LUCE

(Right half). Probably our most consistent player throughout the season. Wayne has matured greatly as a player and who can forget his magnificent performance in the Challenge Cup.

ROB DALGLEISH

(Centre half). Skilful, consistent, hard running (and fighting?) and determined to win. A good season from Rob in the pivot, probably lead to our success.

STEVE MARTIN

(Left half). Steve is an experienced 6A player and helped to form the backbone of the side. Apart from playing steadily throughout the season his comments during each game were well appreciated. Well done Steve.

PAUL LOCKWOOD

(Right full back). We haven't seen Paul in Seniors before, but were impressed. A very consistent season, repelling many opposition attacking moves. Colleen also proved to be a most consistent supporter.

NIGEL ATKINSON

(Left full back - official team captain). A little slower this year, but no less aggression. Lead a successful side with fire and brimstone (Pity Rob hugged the fight in the semi-final).

MIKE SHANNON

(Goalie). Many times Mike got cold at the "other end" of the field, but when called upon played with aggression, determination - skill. Has many bruises for attacks too high to be legal.

GEOFF RILEY

(Spare forward). Geoff played with us all year without a consistent position. Always played with great heart & scored useful goals. The gentleman of the team.

7A TEAM PROFILE

TEAM LEADERS - MIKE BROOKS, GARY ADAMS

The achievements of this team this year were outstanding. Being the Club's lowest team they had to continually supply players to higher teams which meant they played most games with only 9 or 10 players, as well as no goalie. But a small group of 6 or 7 regulars, most notably Ray Backhouse, John McKenna and Ross Read, fought on believing that if they could make the finals, they stood a chance at the Premiership with a full team. Well they finished fourth and won their way through to the final, which they lost 2-1. Undoubtedly the team peaked the week before the Grand Final when they showed that even the 7's could turn it on. In a polished display they trounced Old Wesley 4-0 in the Preliminary Final.

OWEN FERGUSON

(Goalie). The real one fronted up early in the season but put himself out of action early in the season. From then we periodically had the services of a number of Owens, all of whom were always appreciated. Particular thanks to the Owen who leaves a piece of his anatomy hanging around the bar.

RAY BACKHOUSE

(Fullback). The real backbone of the defence, who with John kept the teams hopes alive by keeping goals out. I don't know if he just plays better under pressure, but Ray played some of his best hockey ever this year, and if it wasn't for the stupid boots he wears he probably would have been in the 4's or 5's. Not only did he stop many attacks during the year, but he also stopped all the traffic on the Narrows.

JOHN MCKENNA

(Full back). Always looked just out of bed and always arrived just as the game started, but was ever reliable and blamed his two shortcomings on having to drive a long way to games (only 150 kms). Was frequently the nominated kicking fullback, and despite no shin pads and with rolled down socks he would stop corner hits with his legs. Is that courage? - or is it something else? Whatever it is the other team members appreciated it.

JOHN KYLIE

(Left half). This guy amazes everyone who watches him play. His suavely manicured facial features and non-hockey-player-like stance, always fooled the opposition. However, most wingers soon realised they were in for a dry day after John had swooped in a couple of times and with his unique one-handed style robbed them of the ball, dribbled past a couple more opposition players, and layed the ball off. It was great having you John and hope to see you next year.

JEREMY ALLEN

(Centre half). Started the season late and was shared with the 5's and 6's, but played enough games to qualify for the finals. After being the club's highest scorer off penalty corners in '83 was rarely given the opportunity this year and only scored 1. Showed great skill at flicking the ball, particularly into his own eye.

7A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

PHIL READ (Right half). Dogged little player who never gave up, which has been Phil's style ever since he's been in seniors. But this year Phil's game improved greatly because he started to think about his distribution of the ball. Little pushes to the centre half or inner were new characteristics of Phil's game, and he used them with great effect many times.

BILL CALDER (Fullback/Centre & Right half/Right Inner). Jeremy dragged Bill along to the club half way through the season and as no selector knew him he was put with us. We didn't mind, because although a mature player, Bill had class (played top grade at Bunbury) and determination and was a great asset. A very flexible player (even played for the Masters), who like the other team member from the Ag. Dept., also got a black eye during the finals.

ANTHONY JOHNSTON (Left winger). A tall dreamer who often had his head in the clouds. Tony was hard to work out. Keen as mustard about the team and himself doing well but frequently seemed disinterested in the game. Then suddenly he would turn on some dazzling stick work, and frequently score a goal. When he put his mind to it he could produce really sizzling shots at goal. Tony if you learn to concentrate for 70 minutes and become more consistent you've got a good future.

NOEL BACKHOUSE (Utility). Noel joined us every couple of weeks when down from the rigs. A player with unlimited determination and a fair bit of talent, but his irregular appearances didn't suit his style of play (he ran out of wind) and made it hard for him to establish a definite place in the team. Nevertheless, Noel always enjoyed his game and helped us to enjoy ours.

GARY ADAMS (Forceful forward). Gary had a frustrating year. After a great year with the 6's last year, Gary just couldn't shake off a knee injury this year which meant he had to miss quite a few games. The injury also seemed to affect his long-ago perfected subtle technique of bowling an opposition player over. This year when he did it, it really looked intentional. Gary finally hit his straps in the first semi and the preliminary final when he really turned it on to get us through to the grand final. This year he became noted for his ability to break sticks - not his.

NIGEL TUCKER (Centre Forward). A frustrating person to play with. Nigel is a fast, extremely talented player, with first class skills, but he only occasionally put it all together. When he did he was fantastic. Nigel usually brought along his own cheer squad, but they usually ended up eating ice-cream rather than cheering.

7A TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

MIKE BROOKS

(Centre forward/Inner). Mike led the team during some of the more difficult periods of the year and did it well. Thanks Mike for turning up when you did. A fast, talented player, Mike's biggest problem was his lack of confidence in his team mates, which led him to try and do too much himself, which resulted in himself being less effective. He played a number of games in the 5's where he played much better because he worked with his fellow forwards. I definitely see a future for Mike up the grades next year.

ROSS READ

(Right wing). One of the teams 100% triers all year. He ran, fought and drove all year, and his efforts were appreciated by all. A much improved player from last year because he now plays his position and thinks about what he is doing. And this year he only threw a few personal fits involving jumping up and down, hitting the ground with his stick, and swearing and spitting at his left boot. All who saw it will remember his goal in the preliminary final, after completing a 40m run through 3 opposition players.

We had a few other players through the year, and we appreciated their efforts, but a couple need special mention. They are ANDREW BOYD who enjoyed playing with us in the first round and scored a few, and missed a lot of goals, and BRUCE CADD who joined us in the finals.

MASTERS TEAM PROFILE

I'm sure I speak for all of my team mates when I say that the 1984 hockey season was a most enjoyable and rewarding one. We may not have made the finals, but we certainly gave them a "shake", being eliminated only in the final qualifying game of the season. On paper we appeared unbeatable, but our problem was having all of our players available at any one time. However, even though it's nice to win, it definitely isn't everything, as we found out this year. Playing the game, enjoying ourselves, and meeting socially each week were our prime concerns and to those ends we were most successful. On our day we proved a very competitive combination, playing hockey of quite exceptional quality by using our heads and resting our legs. If we can retain this combination in 1985 I feel sure the Melville City Masters will be a force to reckon with. Thank you all for your friendship and support throughout the season, and I hope to see you all again at the Wind-up.

COLIN WEST

"Westy" was our Captain this year (until injured) and his leadership was invaluable. His knowledge of the game and his ability to get the best from his players was the main reason behind our successes this year. Let's hope he overcomes his back injury in time to pull on the Melville shirt again in 1985. Colin is a highly respected member of our side, as well as an extremely skilful forward.

BRIAN SPITTELER

"Spitz" was the "strongman" of the team who always played with a fair amount of vigour and a great deal of skill. Without a doubt he was the "backbone" of the side. Just having Brian on the ground instilled confidence in his team mates. We appreciated Brian forfeiting his opportunity of playing higher up the grades this year to support the "Masters", and hope to see him back again next year to fill that all important centre-half position again.

GARY DIENHOFF

Without doubt Gary is a most skilful player who has the ability to take the opposition "apart". He is a very determined player who always sets the correct example for his team-mates to follow. Gary very ably took over the leadership "duties" after Westy's loss, and led the team to some memorable wins during the latter part of the season. His back-tackling from the inner position was exceptional this season.

"PISTOL" SHANNON

A great player and club-man. John really enjoys his hockey and was a real asset to the Club this year, both as a player and a club supporter. The boys would like to thank his good wife, Jan, for building the retaining walls, planting the lawn and preparing the gardens around their new house, so John could pull on the pads again. Thanks John for making the Junior Trophies - and welcome back to the Club.

KINGSLEY McGUIRE

"Kings" excelled as our fullback this year and, proved almost impassable. Kingsley has that "never-say-die" attitude that stamps him as a player of considerable strength, and when he was sidelined for quite a number of games in the second round, with a nasty viral infection, he was sadly missed. We all hope he can put in a full season in 1985.

MASTERS TEAM PROFILE - cont'd

OWEN JONES

At 59 years of age, Owen's stamina is incredible. He has a great love for the game and as well as playing for Melville City on Saturdays, spends many a Sunday at the Stadium watching the "experts" in action. Owen proved a very capable left-winger and put in 100% effort in every game he played. Without doubt, Owen is an exceptional player.

REX KAYE

Rex put in some top games this year, both as a forward and a half-back. He has an exceptional turn of speed, which was used to distinct advantage on numerous occasions. Rex has supported the club as a player for a number of years now and he seems to improve with age.

BRUCE CADD

Caddy played stongly this season and with Kingsley made up a formidable full-back line. Bruce has an uncanny eye which enables him to trap a ball when in full flight, and a solid hit that soon turns defence into attack. Bruce was at his very best when burdened with the extra responsibility of defence when Kingsley was "indisposed". A great season Bruce. Your ability to run all day certainly got us out of a spot of bother on a number of occasions this year.

JOHN SANDERS

John played with skill in a number of positions this year, but proved most valuable to the team when playing at left wing and left half. John has the ability to "read the play" well and to surprise the opposition by dropping into gaps to pick off troublesome passes. John tackles well and disposes of the ball to advantage. Perhaps a little "speed work" before next season would make him an even more valuable member of the team.

KEVIN RUNGE

Kevin "the minkey-man" Runge has done a great job this season, with his Saturday morning coaching of our "young-brigade" and his afternoon support of the Masters team. Kevin played mainly as a forward this year, and like Rex Kaye, has a real turn of speed. He has developed into quite a skilful forward, and should prove a real asset to this team in 1985.

PHIL HARRY

Every team needs a "goal-scorer" and Phil excels at this. He has an uncanny goal sense and the opposing players have come to realise that Phil is the focal point of our attack. Consequently he comes under quite "close attention" on occasions in an effort to put him off his game. Undaunted, however, Phil plays hard and skilfully and it is without doubt that a great percentage of the wins this year can be attributed to his skills and determination. Welcome back Phil - it's great to have you in the team.

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IAN MITCHELL

"Mitch" has been a great club man for many seasons and still plays a strong game, in the forward line. His special "training-diet" has probably slowed him down a little this year, but who needs speed when you've got stick work like Mitch. Mitch proves most dangerous when he hits the circle! His powerful drive is always a concern for the opposition. Mitch, Robin and Nicki have been excellent club supporters this year and we sincerely hope to have them around in the years to come.

RHYS GRAY

Rhys has been the real 'find' this year. He is a new and valuable player to our club and has proved an extremely intelligent and clever player. A broken thumb unfortunately shortened his playing time this year, but when he returned towards the end of the season, he proved to be a very valuable member of the half line. We look forward to having you as a player and friend in future years Rhys. Welcome to Melville City!

BARRY HANCOCK

Team manager! Really enjoyed playing with a fine bunch of fellows, and thoroughly enjoyed the season. Played a variety of positions to the best of his ability and completed the season as Kingsley's "stop gap" replacement full back. Hopes to be a little more "trim" for the 1985 season.

IAN LYONS

Sickness precluded Ian playing until quite late in the season, and then an unfortunate knee injury limited his appearances. Ian can be a match winner and we are hoping to see him back in the club next year.

IAN DEVESON

A great clubman, coach and player, known for his tremendous speed and solid hit. Devo (or Dumpy as we affectionately know him) has filled in whenever we were short and without doubt would have proved a real asset as a full time player. However, his efforts have been with the U/11s where he has done a marvellous job as coach extraordinaire, so his appearances have been rather limited. When he did play he made a large impact on the team and proved a solid and skilful player.

BILL LUNT

Played a tremendous five minutes in the first scratch match of the season, before falling and breaking his elbow. We hope to see Bill on the track next season.

MIKE BAKER

Mike was largely instrumental in getting the Masters team together this season and for this we say a sincere thank you. Studies precluded Mike from playing this year, but perhaps 1985 could see him fronting up again.